

REMARKS

Claim Amendments:

Claims 1-36 and 38 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants specifically reserve the right to file appropriate continuation and/or divisional applications drawn to the subject matter of these claims.

New Claims 39 and 40 have been added. Support for new Claims 39 and 40 may be found throughout the application, for example, at page 3, lines 3-5 and page 4, lines 26-28.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Examiner is hereby requested to enter these amendments.

Response to Restriction Requirement:

The Examiner has restricted the claims of this application into three groups, as follows:

I. Claims 1-28, and 38 drawn to a method of treating a disease or disorder state comprising administering to a patient a biomolecule (a polypeptide or an antibody or a polynucleotide), classified in class 514, subclasses 2⁺ and 44, class 530, subclasses 300 and 387.1, class 536, subclass 23.1, class 436, subclass 86, class 435, subclasses 7.1, 320.1 and 325.

II. Claims 29-33, drawn to an antibody that binds to the polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

III. Claims 34-36, drawn to a polypeptide comprising domains D1, D2, D3, D4, or D5 of receptor for hyaluronan-mediated motility (RHAMM), are classified in class 530, subclass 300, and 514, subclass 2⁺.

In view of the cancellation of all of these claims, Applicants submit that this restriction requirement is moot. New Claims 39 and 40 would appear to correspond to Group III, except that they recite the BX7B polypeptide and its sequence identifier. This polypeptide was not claimed in Claims 34-36.

Withdrawal of the requirement for restriction and examination of Claims 39 and 40 are hereby requested.

Conclusion:

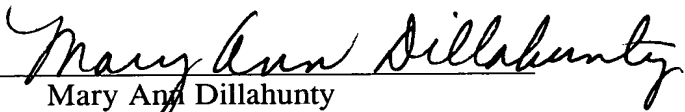
Examination of this application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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